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FROM MICROWAVE OVENS.

REF: A. TOKYO 10925, AUG. 22, 1974

B. BRITAIN'S LETTER TO OKAMOTO, AUG. 14, 1974

C. TOKYO 4109, MARCH 18, 1974

D. TOKYO 3923, MARCH 26, 1974

1. FDA REQUESTS EMBASSY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH FONOFF,
OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY,
AND TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING VISITS TO JAPANESE FIRMS.

2. MESSRS. EARL ROBINSON AND AL VAN DE GRIEK, RADIATION
SAFETY ENGINEERS OF BUREAU OF RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH, PLAN TO
VISIT WITH ALL JAPANESE MICROWAVE OVEN MANUFACTURERS WHO
EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS TO THE U.S. THE PURPOSE OF VISIT ARE
TO DISCUSS THE NEW INTERLOCK MONITOR REQUIRED BY THE STANDARD
AND THE RECENTLY ISSUED REVISED REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR
MICROWAVE OVEN MANUFACTURERS (COPY OF STANDARD BEING AIR
MAILED TO EMBASSY).

3. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, AS ARRANGED BY ENGINEERS, RAD HEALTH
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AND U.S. BASED OFFICES OF JAPANESE FIRMS IS, AS FOLLOWS:

OCT. 28, 1974 - VISIT EMBASSY, JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
AND TRAVEL TO OSAKA.

OCT. 19, 1974 - VISIT SHARP.

OCT. 30, 1974 - VISIT MATSUSHITA.

OCT. 31, 1974 - VISIT SANYO

NOV. 1, 1974 - TRAVEL TO FUJI EARLY AM; VISIT TOSHIBA.

NOV. 2, 1974 - TRAVEL TO TOKYO.

NOV. 5, 1974 - VISIT HITACHI AND TRAVEL TO U.S. A. LATE PM

4. EMBASSY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO REVISE SCHEDULE AS NECESSARY,
BEARING IN MIND ENGINEERS REQUIRE FULL DAY FOR EACH FACTORY
VISIT. KISSINGER

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